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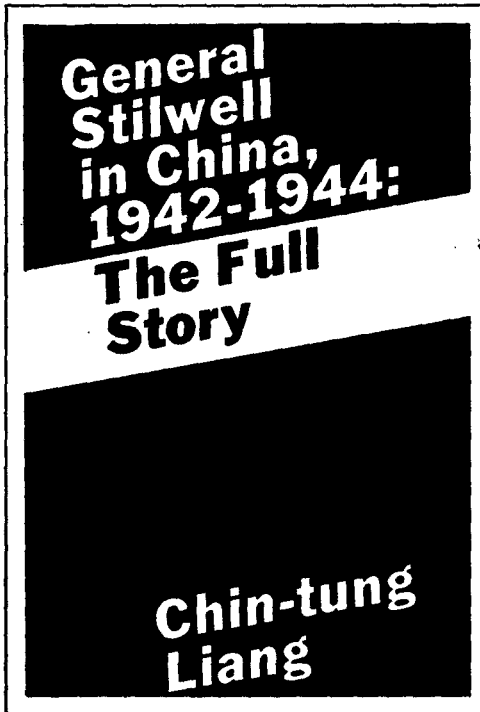
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Professor Chin-tung Liang, Director of the Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica, is a well-known jurist as well as historian in China. He taught comparative criminal law for a number of years at the National University at Peking. He is the author of several books, including *A History of the First World War* (Peking: Oriental Press, 1921), *Extraterritoriality in China* (Shanghai: Commercial Press, 1931), *The Chinese Revolution of 1911* (New York: St. John's University Press, 1962), *The Cairo Conference and China* (Hong Kong: The Asian Press, 1962), *A Historical Study of the Mukden Incident of 1931* (Hong Kong: Asian Book Company, 1963), and *The Sinister Face of the Mukden Incident* (New York: St. John's University Press, 1969). His latest book is the Chinese version of this study. Published in Taipei, Taiwan, in July 1971, it went through six printings within three months. One of the best-sellers in Free China, it was awarded the 1971 Sun Yat-sen Medal for intellectual distinction.

In his early years, Professor Liang devoted himself to public service. He served as a justice of the Supreme Court of the Republic of China. During World War II, he held high offices in the Ministry of Finance and served in Washington, D.C., as a representative of the Chinese government for the administration of lend-lease supplies to China. Particularly because of this latter personal experience, he was most knowledgeable of the complicated relations between China and the United States throughout the war years.

After the Communist domination of the mainland, Professor Liang resigned from public service and turned his attention to the study of history. Since 1964, he has been a Research Professor of Modern Chinese History at St. John's University.

In his study, Professor Liang has offered us an insight supported by documentary proofs that show the tremendous impact on the world situation in general and Chinese-American relations in particular. . . . It is imperative that for a thorough and genuine understanding of the truth of this most unfortunate episode Western readers be familiar with the facts presented from both American and Chinese sides. Needless to add, what is most valuable in this study is that Professor Liang has had unprecedented access to the private papers and official archives of Generalissimo Chiang, known as the *Tachí Archives*, disclosed for the first time to the public in the interest of historical truth.

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